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November 24, 2015

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Division of Licensing and Compliance
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Ms. Bose:

RE: 2015 Reports on Purple Loosestrife and Nuisance Plants

	<u>FERC No.</u>	<u>License Article</u>
Way / Michigamme Reservoir	1759	413
Hemlock Falls	2074	412
Lower Paint	2072	411
Peavy Falls	11830	411
Michigamme Falls	2073	412
Brule	2431	410
Twin Falls	11831	412
Pine	2486	413
Kingsford	2131	412
Big Quinnesec Falls	1980	412
Chalk Hill	2394	410
White Rapids	2357	410

The "Terrestrial Based Natural Resources Management Plan," filed in September of 1999 as part of the Wilderness Shores Settlement Agreement, which affects Way Dam (FERC No. 1759), Hemlock Falls (FERC No. 2074), Peavy Falls (FERC No. 11830), Michigamme Falls (FERC No. 2073), Lower Paint (FERC No. 2072), Twin Falls (FERC No. 11831), Kingsford (FERC No. 2131), and Big Quinnesec Falls (FERC No. 1980), and the "Order Modifying and Approving Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Water Milfoil Monitoring Plan" issued on April 30, 1996, for the Pine (FERC No. 2486), August 14, 1997, for the Brule (FERC No. 2431), December 11, 1997, for the Chalk Hill (FERC No. 2394) and White Rapids (FERC No. 2357) projects, require We Energies to provide the final reports on the required annual and biennial monitoring for those projects no later than 30 days after the monitoring is completed. An annual extension for submitting these reports by the end of November was granted in 2010. Monitoring is scheduled each year for a portion of these twelve projects, with the field portion of the monitoring to be completed by August 7.

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Report of 2015 AIS Monitoring

Please find attached a report of Purple Loosestrife (PL) monitoring activities completed in 2015 consistent with the proposed plan submitted January 22, 2014 and Table 1. The results were presented by Mike Grisar of our environmental staff at our Annual Land Management Meeting held on October 27, 2015, with representatives from the Wisconsin and Michigan DNRs as well as some county and local agency representatives that work on tracking and controlling invasive species. The information was made available to everyone in attendance upon request.

Table 1: Comparison of 2015 PL Data Collected vs Proposed Plan Requirements

	Proposed New Plan		
	2015	2015	
	Plan	Actual	
Way Dam	x	x	
Hemlock Falls	x	x	
Peavy Falls	x	x	
Lower Paint		x	Added due to PL being found in 2014
Michigamme Falls	x	x	
Brule			
Twin Falls			
Pine	x	x	
Kingsford			
Big Quinnesec Falls			
Chalk Hill	x	x	
White Rapids	x	x	

Please call me at (906) 779-4099 if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:
2015 Annual Report – Nuisance Plant Control Survey (21 pages)